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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JANUARY 4 ADDRESSED TO
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER RECEIVED FROM MR. M.K. MPHO, MEMBER
OF PARLIAMENT AND HEAD OF OPPOSITION BOTSWANA INDEPENDENCE PARTY
(P.O. BOX 3, MAUN, BOTSWANA).

QUTE SIR, ON BEHALF THE BOTSWANA INDENDENCE PARTY (BIP), I SEND
YOU OUR PARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR REAL HARD WON PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION.

QTE I PERSONALLY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO YOU
ON TWO OCCASIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE WHEN YOU ADDRESSED A PRESS
CONFERENCE ON APRIL 22, 1976, IN THE HOLIDAY INN, 18TH AND
MARKET STREETS AND ON APRIL 28, 1976, ADDRESSING A NEWS CONFERENCE
IN THE HOLIDAY INN, 36TH AND CHESTNUT STREETS, BOTH IN
PHILADELPHIA, PA., DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. I
HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TOO, TO LISTEN TO MESSRS. MORRIS K. UDALL
AND SENATOR HENRY (SCOOP) JACKSON

IN THE SAME CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND PITTSBURGH IN CASE OF SENATOR
H. JACKSON. MY CONCLUSION WAS THAT YOU HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE
BLACK AMERICANS THAN ANY OF YOUR OPPONENTS.

QTE DR. KING S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT WHICH WAS READ AT ONE OF YOUR
PHILADELPHIA MEETINGS EXPLAINED HOW MUCH SUPPORT YOU HAD GIVEN
TO THE BLACKSIN TRYING TO END RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS GOVERNOR

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IN YOUR STATE.

QTE WE OF THE BOTSWANA INDEPENDENCE PARTY BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, LIKE ANY OTHER STATE OR COUNTRY NEED A COURAGEOUS
DETERMINED HUMANIST LEADERSHIP. THE LEADERSHIP THAT WILL HONOR AND

RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF MAN. THE LEADERSHIP THAT WILL HONOR AND
SEE ALL PEOPLE AS HUMAN BEINGS REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE OR COLOR.

THE LEADERSHIP THAT WILL REGARD INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PEACE BETTER THAN HAVING PLENTY OF WRONG MATERIAL WEALTH IN WARS. IF YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL PLACE MATERIAL WEALTH ABOVE HUMANITY AND HUMAN JUSTICE, THE U.S.A. WILL CONTINUE TO MISUSE HER POWER IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO VETO ANY VOTE IN FAVOR OF GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO THE SO-CALLED SMALL NATIONS WHO ARE STILL UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION OR OPPRESSION, E.G. TO RENDER ANY UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION AIMING AT FREEDOM OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, CYPRUS, ETC., USELESS.

QTE WE HOPE THAT THE U.S.A. WILL RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT COMMUNISM IS NOT A DANGER IN AFRICA AND THAT COLONIALISM IS THE WORST ENEMY OF OUR FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. QTE IF THE U.S.A. HATES COMMUNISM, THEY CANNOT STOP ITS SPREAD BY GUN POWDER, BUT BY PRACTICING THE BEST HUMAN POLICY. ALL NATIONS WILL ALWAYS KNOW WHICH SIDE THEIR BREAD IS PROPERLY BUTTERED. QTE THE U.S.A. LIKE ALL OTHER COUNTRIES NEED AN HONEST LEADERSHIP THAT WILL RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT AFRICANS IN ZIMBABWE,

NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE NOT OPPRESSED BY THE COMMUNISTS, BUT BY THE BRITISH AND DUTCH PEOPLE.

QTE YOU ARE THAT TYPE OF LEADER WHO CAN FACE THIS FACT BECAUSE WHEN BLACK AMERICANS FOUGHT AGAINST THE SAME SITUATION, THAT IS, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, YOU SAW AND YOU STILL SEE THE FACTS. YOU STOOD AND STILL STAND WITH THEM IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. I KNOW YOU HAVE THE COURAGE, I KNOW YOU ARE ENERGETIC AND I

BELIEVE FROM WHAT I GATHERED AS I FOLLOWED YOUR CAMPAIGN THROUGH TO YOUR HOME CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA THAT YOU MUST BE AN HONEST MAN.

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QTE IF THE U.S.A. HATES COMMUNISM, THEY CANNOT STOP ITS SPREAD BY GUN POWDER, BUT BY PRACTICING THE BEST HUMAN POLICY. ALL NATIONS WILL ALWAYS KNOW WHICH SIDE THEIR BREAD IS PROPERLY BUTTERED. QTE I DELIBERATELY DELAYED THIS MESSAGE IN ORDER THAT IT MAY REACH YOU AT A TIME WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO TAKE AN OATH OR A FEW DAYS AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN THE OATH OF LEADERSHIP OF THE U.S.A. IN 1977. QTE I AM PERFECTLY AWARE THAT THIS MESSAGE WILL

HAVE NO MEANING TO YOU AND THE UNITED STATES PEOPLE, SINCE IT DOES NOT COME FROM A HEAD OF STATE. I AM ALSO PERFECTLY AWARE THAT IT MAY NOT EVEN REACH YOU. THIS FACT, THAT ONLY HEADS OF STATES MUST TALK TO OTHER HEADS OF STATES ROBBED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU WHEN TWICE I ATTENDED YOUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN MEETINGS AS A SMALL VISITOR IN THE U.S.A.

QTE KEEP YOUR COURAGE, KEEP YOUR ENERGY AND FINALLY KEEP YOUR HONESTY FOR PEACE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD. BEST WISHES, QTE YOURS FAITHFULLY, MOTSAMAI KEYECWE MPHOF, LEADER BOTSWANA INDEPENDENCE PARTY UNQTE.

2. FYI MPHO VISITED THE US IN 1976 AS A LEADER GRANTEE AND PARTICIPATED IN A MULTI-REGIONAL ELECTION PROJECT WHICH INCLUDED OBSERVATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE PRIMARY IN LATE APRIL.

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